

## SEPA IWG Teleconference Summary

Thursday, October 23, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### Attendance

#### Co-Leads:

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| Jim Lopez          | King County                      |
| Dick Settle        | Foster Pepper                    |
| Jeannie Summerhays | Washington Department of Ecology |

#### Members:

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| Jayson Antonoff       | City of Seattle, Dept of Planning & Development          |
| Greg Carrington       | Chelan PUD   |
| Sean Cryan            | Mithun   |
| Jennifer Dold         | Bricklin, Newman, Dold, LLP                              |
| Kari-lynn Frank       | National Association of Industrial and Office Properties |
| Hilary Franz          | Bainbridge City Council                                  |
| Valerie Grigg Devis   | Community, Trade, and Economic Development               |
| Mark Kulaas           | Douglas County   |
| T.C. Richmond         | GordenDerr Attorneys at Law                              |
| Michael Robinson-Dorn | UW Law School  |
| Tim Trohimovich       | Futurewise   |
| Megan White           | Washington Department of Transportation                  |
| Jim Wilder            | Jones & Stokes   |

#### Absent:

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| Anthony Chavez  | Weyerhaeuser             |
| Connie Krueger  | City of Leavenworth      |
| Bill Messenger  | Washington Labor Council |
| Dan McGrady     | Vulcan                   |
| John Mohr       | Port of Everett          |
| Tayloe Washburn | Foster Pepper            |
| David Troutt    | Nisqually Tribe          |
| Perry Weinberg  | Sound Transit            |
| Clay White      | Stevens County           |

#### Others:

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| Tom Beierle        | Ross & Associates Environmental Consulting, Ltd. |
| Patty Betts        | Washington Department of Natural Resources       |
| Simon Kihia        | Washington Department of Natural Resources       |
| Matt Kuharic       | King County                                      |
| Carol Lee Roalkvam | Washington Department of Transportation          |
| Annie Szvetcz      | Washington Department of Ecology                 |

### Background Documents:

Available online at [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/2008CAT\\_iwg\\_sepa.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/2008CAT_iwg_sepa.htm)

## 1. Revised SEPA Mitigation Strategy Table

### Agenda:

- ▶ Overview of October 14-15 CAT Meeting
- ▶ Path Forward for Finalizing SEPA IWG Report
- ▶ Mitigation Strategy Table Overview and Discussion
- ▶ Discussion of Final Report Issues
- ▶ Wrap Up and Next Steps

### Discussion Items and Key Issues:

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - 1.1. Tom Beierle welcomed members and technical staff and took a roll call.
  - 1.2. Tom reviewed the meeting objectives and agenda.
2. Overview of October 14-15 CAT Meeting
  - 2.1. Dick Settle and the other co-leads reported on the SEPA presentation at the October 14-15 CAT meeting and highlights of the meeting discussion.
    - 2.1.1. The CAT was appreciative of the hard work the IWG has been doing and gave its support for members' willingness to participate in an advisory group after the IWG process.
    - 2.1.2. The CAT also requested that any new procedures for SEPA impacts should be as user friendly as possible, avoiding any unnecessary burdens.
    - 2.1.3. The CAT gave its support for the IWG ideas for leveraging SEPA and for working those out in more detail, making them as user friendly as possible.
    - 2.1.4. A member of the CAT suggested that the group consider a mitigation fee in lieu of protracted measurement or other SEPA requirement as an idea for further discussion.
    - 2.1.5. CAT members suggested that the SEPA recommendations would have to be consistent with WCI determinations, policies and plans. Any radical change to accommodate WCI may require a statutory change.
    - 2.1.6. The CAT also recognized the need to further explore an adaptation and resiliency framework for SEPA.
3. Path Forward for Finalizing SEPA IWG Report
  - 3.1. Tom reported that the final version of the SEPA IWG report will be submitted to the CAT on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Between now and then, any final revisions will be made related to today's call and any new comments received.
  - 3.2. An excerpt from the SEPA IWG recommendations and a brief preamble will be included in the CAT report. The full IWG report will be incorporated as an appendix.
4. Mitigation Strategy Table Overview and Discussion
  - 4.1. Members of the technical team presented a revised version of the mitigation strategy table. The table now includes strategies from other sources and where they would fit into the IWG emission categories. The new table also compares the scopes to emerging protocols for measuring greenhouse gas emissions and includes an additional wood product certification standard.

- 4.2. The group discussed the need to explore the types of wood certification standards, and potential qualitative measures for mitigation in the future.
  - 4.3. Two of the technical team members volunteered to develop a preamble to the mitigation strategy table for the CAT report. The preamble will note that the options are in draft form and have not been fully discussed by the IWG.
5. Discussion of Final Report Issues
- 5.1. A member raised the issue of whether mitigation sequencing should be called out in the IWG report since the approach is already being implemented currently. The group agreed to state that the issue was discussed by the IWG but a decision was not made.
  - 5.2. A member suggested that the report text regarding an approach to oversight should not presume that there will be oversight, particularly of local government agencies. The group agreed to a change in the text that would read, "Should there be an approach to monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of implementing climate provisions for SEPA to achieve greenhouse gas emissions reduction standards? And if so, what should be the approach?"
  - 5.3. The group discussed the need to change the text that states the future work is "imperative." Members agreed that the text would instead "recommend" that the issues be addressed.
6. Meeting Wrap up and Next Steps
- 6.1. Tom and the co-leads thanked the group for their participation in the IWG process.
  - 6.2. Two technical team members will develop a preamble for the mitigation strategy table.
  - 6.3. Changes will be made to the IWG report to reflect today's discussion and any comments received. The final report will be submitted to the CAT by October 30<sup>th</sup>.